

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, October 1 – 7, 2006, is National 4-H Week in the United States; and,

Whereas, More than 6 million youth take part in 4-H club programs nationwide while 42,000 participate in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, 4-H clubs conduct programs to help young people acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes which will help them become self-directing, productive members of society. 4-H is ranked fourth in total awareness among agencies serving youth; and,

Whereas, 4-H addresses issues facing youth wherever they live – in cities, suburbs and rural communities – while developing these life skills through experiential learning; and,

Whereas, 4-H builds youth self-esteem, leadership and citizenship skills and focuses on new and innovative educational efforts in science, engineering and technology, citizenship and health and wellness programs; and,

Whereas, 4-H still finds value in providing sound educational programs in historically based outreach efforts in agriculture, environmental education, foods and nutrition; and,

Whereas, 4-H continues to prioritize the opportunity for all youth to be a part of its program outreach by delivering programs through 4-H school enrichment programs and 4-H after school venues; and,

Whereas, Nearly 6,000 South Dakota 4-H adult, parent and teen volunteers are considered a core component of 4-H support and delivery by donating countless hours and effort in preparing for and teaching youth; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2006, as

4-H WEEK


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State